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SUBJECT: ASTRONAUT VISIT

1. UNITES STATES ASTRONAUT LT COLONEL KAROL J. BOBKO, THE GRANDSON OF A POLISH IMMIGRANT, WILL VISIT POLAND FROM APRIL 9-13 AS A GUEST OF THE POLISH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES. COLONEL BOBKO IS NOW ENGAGED IN PREPARATIONS FOR THE APOLLO-SOYUZ MISSION, A PROJECT WHICH ALREADY HAS REQUIRED SEVERAL TRIPS TO THE SOVIET UNION TO COORDINATE WITH SOVIET COSMONAUTS AND SPACE OFFICIALS.

2. COLONEL BOBKO IS A GRADUATE OF THE FIRST US AIR FORCE ACADEMY CLASS IN 1959 AND ALSO RECEIVED A GRADUATE DEGREE IN AEROSPACE ENGINEERING FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. HE FIRST SERIVED IN THE AMERICAN SPACE PROGRAM AS A TEST PILOT FOR THE AIR FORCE MANNED LABORATORY MISSION. THE POLISH-AMERICAN ASTRONAUT ALSO WAS A BACKUP CREW MEMBER AND ASSISTED WITH GROUND TESTS FOR THE SKYLAB PROGRAM BEFORE JOINING THE APOLLO-SOYUZ STAFF.

3. IN POLAND, COLONEL BOBKO WILL MEET WITH THE POLISH
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COMMITTEE ON PEACEFUL USES OF COSMIC SPACE AND WITH

SCIENTISTS OF THE WARSAW ASTRONOMY INSTITUTE. AN APPOINTMENT
ALSO PLANNED WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE POLISH ACADEMY OF
SCIENCES, DR WLODZIMIERZ TRZEBIATOWSKI. ON APRIL 11 IN KRAKOW,
COLONEL BOBKO WILL CALL ON SCIENTISTS AND OFFICIALS OF THE KRAKOW
BRANCH OF THE POLISH ACADEMY.

4. FOLLOWING SIGHTSEEING IN BOTH THE KRAKOW AND WARSAW AREAS,
COLONEL BOBKO WILL LEAVE FOR MOSCOW ON APRIL 13.
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